

Board Minutes Monday September 13, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 13, 2021 with all members present.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to accept the bid for ice control rock piles from Bruening Rock Products for prices ranging from \$11.989 – \$12.099 per ton for the various shop locations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to approve the job description for the Assistant Engineer – Registered Professional Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Jansen met with the Board to pass along positive comments based on his attendance of the Statewide Roadside Management Conference held in Winneshiek County last week.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to open the public hearing on the proposed activities, application for CDBG funding, and community needs assessment for the Festina Sewer project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Diana Johnson, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, reviewed the proposed project, community needs assessment, and application with the Board including the following points:

(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects were identified;

The need for the CDBG water/sewer grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) came from various planning sessions with the Festina sewer commission and the Winneshiek County supervisors. Due to the lack of recirculation, and no disinfection processes, the facility will not be able to meet the new effluent limits. Also, due to age and operational issues, the community has, at times, been unable to meet discharge limits. The need for this project is to follow the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) permitting process to meet design capacity and the ammonia and E. coli compliance schedule.

(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds;

The request from the IEDA will be \$110,000. If successfully funded, the remainder of the proposed activity will be funded through an Iowa Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan and funding from the American Rescue Plan, for a total project cost of \$784,400.

(c) the date the CDBG application will be submitted;

The CDBG water/sewer application will be submitted on or before October 1, 2021 to the IEDA.

(d) requested amount of federal funds;

The requested amount is \$110,000.

(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

Given that a community income survey conducted in August 2021, found that 58.18% of Festina's residents could be considered low- and moderate-income persons, it can be expected that the same proportion of the funds will benefit that group of residents or a total of 64 persons.

(f) where the proposed activity or project will be conducted;

The project will be conducted near the unincorporated community of Festina on property owned by the county. The project address is at 1223 A Street, Hwy 150, Ft. Atkinson.

(f) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects;

No businesses or persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed facility upgrades.

(g) plans to assist persons actually displaced, and;

No plans to displace any persons.

(i) the nature of the proposed activity or project.

The most appropriate and recommended wastewater treatment facility improvement consists of the installation of a new packaged wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and ultraviolet disinfection. These improvements which include primary tanks, treatment tanks, pumps and ultraviolet disinfection will allow the community's WWTF to meet the proposed design influent wastewater characteristics and proposed effluent water quality limits, now and in the future.

No written or verbal comments were received from the public. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 22-13, authorizing the submission of the CDBG application and approving the Federal Assurances and Needs Assessment, all as presented in the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Groux, County Sanitarian, met with the Board to review the updated 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for issuance of private well permits. The updated agreement is mostly the same as the current agreement with the only changes being to procedures for applications in areas near underground contamination. Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to enter into the 28E agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, September 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors